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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held Dec. 30, 1919, at the Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass., President Elsie Clews Parsons in the Chair.

A meeting of the Council of the Society took place at 10.30 A.M. of the preceding day. After the meeting had been called to order, the report of the Secretary was read, as follows:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The membership of the Society, including the libraries subscribing to the Journal, is as follows:—

	1918	1919
Honorary members	8	6
Life members	11	12
Annual members	381	397
	400	415
Subscribing libraries	177	182

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*

The Secretary's Report was accepted as read. Reports of the Treasurer and Editor were then presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1919.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from 1918		$1,248.70	
Hispanic Society, contribution		500.00	
French Institute in the United States, contribution		150.00	
G. E. Stechert, sale of Journal		409.85	
Membership dues from United States		856.08	
Canadian Branches:			
Membership dues	$456.00		
Grant of Department of Ontario through C. M. Barbeau	100.00		
Sale of French number through C. M. Barbeau	327.00	883.00	
Interest		28.39	
Total receipts			$4,076.02

Expenses.

Manufacture of Journal:			
October–December, 1917	$267.35		
January–March, 1918	960.18		
April–June, 1918			
July–September, 1918	886.64		
October–December, 1918			
January–March, 1919	949.03	$3,063.20	

Amounts brought forward	$3,063.20	$4,076.02
Miss Taylor, work on Index	75.00	
Rebates to branches	81.50	
Miss Andrews, editorial work	300.00	
Postage	31.92	
Exchange	10.44	
Printing	7.50	
Canadian exchange, etc.	18.03	
Total expenses		3,587.59
Balance for 1920		$488.43

PUBLICATION FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from 1918	$11.65	
Dr. Parsons' contribution	702.67	
Sale of Memoirs:		
Volume X	70.90	
Volume XI	39.15	
Volume XIII	68.60	
Miscellaneous volumes	61.25	
Publication Fund contributions	78.00	
Newell Fund	85.00	
Total receipts		$1,117.22

Expenses.

Manufacture of Memoirs, Vol. XIII	$702.13	
Expenses of Memoirs, Vol. XIII, express	9.32	
Printing	7.50	
Total expenses		718.95
Balance for 1920		$398.27

SPANISH EXPLORATION FUND.

Receipts.

Contributions:		
Mrs. Henry Clews	$100.00	
Mrs. C. H. Sorchan	200.00	
Miss Eleanor Hague	10.00	
Mrs. Lydig	250.00	
Total receipts		$560.00

Expenses.

No expenditures entered for 1919	000.00
Balance	$560.00

SUMMARY.

Balances:	
General Fund	$488.43
Publication Fund	398.27
Spanish Fund	560.00
Grand balance for 1920	$1,446.70

ALFRED M. TOZZER, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer's Report was referred to an auditing committee.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR.

During the year 1919 the October–December number of the "Journal of American Folk-Lore" for 1918, including the index for the year, and two numbers for 1919, have been printed. The third number for the year is in the hands of the printer. The greater part of Volume 12 of the Memoirs has been edited and prepared for the printer.

The Editor wishes to express his thanks to the Associate Editors for their valuable assistance. The collection of material for the French number is entirely in the hands of Mr. Barbeau, much editorial care is bestowed by Professor Kittredge upon the English number, and the collection of material for the Negro number is entirely in the hands of Dr. Elsie Clews Parsons. To Professor Espinosa we are indebted for his careful editing of a great deal of material contributed to the Hispanic number.

It would be quite impossible to carry on the publication of the Journal on its present scale without voluntary financial assistance; and the Editor wishes to express his thanks particularly for the efforts of Mr. Barbeau and for the generous contributions of Dr. Parsons and Dr. Peabody, as well as for the support rendered to the Hispanic number by the Hispanic Society and to the French number by the French Institute in the United States.

Nevertheless it does not seem proper to rely to as great an extent as we do upon the liberality of individuals; and it seems necessary that the price of the Journal should be increased, not only in accordance with the increased cost of manufacture, but also in accordance with the increase in size.

FRANZ BOAS, *Editor.*

The Editor's Report was adopted as read.

At the Council meeting a Nominating Committee for the election of officers for 1920 was appointed, consisting of Dr. Fewkes and Dr. Lowie.

On motion of Dr. Boas, it was then voted that Dr. Tozzer take up with the Boston and Cambridge Branches the question of raising the membership fee.

It was voted, further, on motion of Dr. Goddard, that subscribers to the "Journal of American Folk-Lore" be notified, through Messrs. G. E. Stechert & Co., that four dollars is to be the price of the Journal for 1921.

Dr. Goddard also moved that the Editor, President, and Treasurer be empowered to act to regulate the size of the Journal in relation to income. This motion was passed.

At the regular meeting on Dec. 30, after the Nominating Committee had reported, the same officers as those serving for 1919 were elected for the year 1920. The following papers were then presented.

"The Study of Variants" (presidential address), Elsie Clews Parsons.

"The Importance of Music in the Study of Ballad Origin," Phillips Barry.

"A Little Experience in Folk-Lore in Kentucky," Margaret Peabody.

"The Culture Area Concept," A. A. Goldenweiser.

The following papers were read by title:—

"Riddle Forms among the Jamaican Negroes," Martha W. Beckwith.

"On the Principles of Order in Civilization as exemplified by Changes in Fashion," A. L. Kroeber.

ALFRED M. TOZZER, *Acting Secretary.*